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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT VIETNAM: PHAM

VAN DONG'S TRAVEL PLANS WILL NOT INCLUDE SWEDEN

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED SWEDISH PRESS THIS AFTERNOON REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER HAS ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE THE INVITATION OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY. THE REPORT INDICATED THAT THE TIMING OF THE VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: ACCORDING TO MFA
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OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INDOCHINESE AFFAIRS SVEN HIRDMAN, SODER'S FALL SCHEDULE IS RATHER FULL AND MOST PROBABLY SHE WILL HAVE TO DELAY HER VISIT TO HANOI UNTIL FEBRUARY OR MARCH OF NEXT YEAR. SWEDISH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM REPRESENTS THE LARGEST SINGLE GOS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PRORAM. WHILE IN VIETNAM, SODER WILL CERTAINLY WISH TO INSPECT PERSONALLY THE SWEDISH-

FINANCED PAPER AND PULP MILL COMPLEX IN PROGRESS AT BAI BANG. RECENT PRESS ARTICLES ON THIS PROJECT INDICATE MASSIVE DELAYS IN CONSTRUCTION DUE IN LARGE PART TO LACK OF COOPERATION FROM GOV OFFICIALS. HIRDMAN SAID THAT MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OLA ULLSTEN WOULD VISIT VIETNAM THIS FALL AND IMPLIED THAT GOS CONCERN OVER THE BAI BANG PROJECT WOULD DEFINITELY BE REGISTERED DURING TALKS IN HANOI.

3. HIRDMAN ALSO SAID THAT GOV PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG, NOW IN MOSCOW FOR A REST, WOULD NOT BE VISITING STOCKHOLM DURING HIS CURRENT TOUR IN EUROPE. PHAM VON DONG, HE SAID, WOULD BE IN HELSINKI MAY 29-30, COPENHAGEN MAY 31-JUNE 1, AND OSLO JUNE 2-3, FROM WHERE HE WILL RETURN TO HANOI.
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